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Arizona Department of Public Safety seizes over 9,700 pounds of marijuana during February

A number of traffic stops made by Highway Patrol officers with the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) along with seizures made by detectives assigned to the agency's Criminal Investigations Division resulted in the confiscation of over 9,700 pounds of marijuana during February.

The traffic stops and seizures were made at various locations throughout the state.

"Since the new year, these numbers have steadily grown. This shows the great work our officers are doing every day on the highways and working with other agencies to stem the tide of drug trafficking through our state," said DPS Director Roger Vanderpool.

Most of the marijuana seizures came after DPS or the U.S. Border Patrol used canines to search vehicles.

The largest seizure came on February 13 when DPS seized 1,481 pounds of marijuana following a traffic stop of a motor home on Interstate 10 near Benson.

As a result of DPS' tireless effort to dismantle and disrupt the criminal organizations that manufacture, grow, transport and sell illegal drugs, communities in Arizona and across the United States are becoming safer places to live.

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